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*Mail Stop Patent Application*

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Re: New U.S. Non-Provisional Utility Patent Application  
Application No.: To be Assigned  
Filed: March 23, 2004  
Continuation of U.S. Application No.: 09/548,716 filed April 13, 2000)  
For: **Apparatus for Electronic Data Storage**  
Inventors: **Thomas M. RENT**  
Attorney Docket No.: 02708.0033.CNUS01

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) is a continuation application of prior Application No. 09/548,716 filed April 13, 2000; consisting of the following documents:

1. Utility Patent Application Transmittal Form PTO/SB/05;
2. U.S. Utility Patent Application, entitled:

**Apparatus for Electronic Data Storage**

and naming as inventor:

**Thomas M. RENT**

the application comprising:

- a. The specification containing:
  - (i) 12 pages of description (including 1 title page) prior to the claims;
  - (ii) 2 pages of claims (1-9);
  - (iii) (1) page abstract;
- b. 6 sheets of drawings (Figures 1-11); and

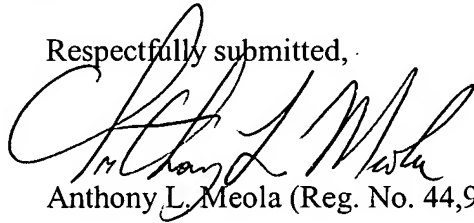
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3. A Preliminary Amendment.

This patent application is being submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) without Declaration and without filing fee. Applicants respectfully request that the application be granted a filing date of **March 23, 2004**.

It is respectfully requested that, of the two attached postcards, one be stamped with the filing date of these documents and returned to our courier, and the other, prepaid postcard, be stamped with the filing date and unofficial application number and returned as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anthony L. Meola", is written over the typed name.

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Attorney Docket No. 02708.0033.CNUS01

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Title Apparatus for Electronic Data Storage

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## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. ☐ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 15]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
  - Descriptive title of the invention
  - Cross References to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
  - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
  - Background of the invention
  - Brief Summary of the invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
  - Detailed Description
  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 6]  
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages]
  - a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)
  - b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d))  
(for a continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
  - i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
  - a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
  - b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
    - i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
    - ii. ☐ paper
  - c. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies

## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATIONS PARTS

9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☐ 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of Attorney  
(when there is an assignee)
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
13. ☒ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
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☒ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP)

of prior application No: 09 / 548,716

Prior application information: Examiner Perveen, Rehana

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